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When it is time to begin the service, the LEM first gets water or any other necessary things, distributes copies of this rite and prepares the elements . The LEM should throughout read both what she or he is given to say, and also the Response, especially if the ill person is unable to read or for some other reason may have difficulty following his/her part in the service.

LEM greets the people: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
Response: And also with you.

LEM: Let us pray.
LEM then reads the <u>Collect</u> of the day, from either the service booklet or from the Book of Common Prayer.

LEM: A reading from the Book of _____.
LEM then reads the Gospel reading, or some other pastorally appropriate ***<u>passage of Scripture</u>****, ending*: The Word of the Lord
Response: **Thanks be to God.**
<u>OR</u> the LEM may say: Here endeth the Reading.

The LEM may make some comments about the import of the day's ***<u>sermon</u>****; if appropriate, the LEM may have a copy of the sermon to leave with the ill parishioner. Also, the LEM may invite the parishioner to comment briefly on his or her responses to the reading and/or to the sermon summary.*

LEM: Let us pray. (*The LEM then offers **prayers**, extemporaneous and/or prepared. See, especially, BCP pp. 458-460; and 829-833.) The parishioner should, if appropriate, be invited to offer suitable prayers, as well.*

*The **Confession of Sin** is usually, but not always, said:*

LEM: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. AMEN.

LEM: May Almighty God in mercy receive our confession of sorrow and of faith, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. AMEN.

LEM introduces the <u>Lord's Prayer</u>: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

<u>OR</u> As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

<u>OR</u>

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. AMEN.

LEM invites the people to partake of the <u>Holy Communion</u>: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

LEM administers the Sacrament, saying either:

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.

Response: **AMEN.**

OR The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [AMEN.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [AMEN.]

OR The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on Him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving. The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful. [AMEN.]

After Communion, the LEM says the ***Closing Prayer***:

LEM: Let us pray. O gracious God, whose Christ stretched out arms of love upon the hard wood of the cross to embrace all the peoples of the earth: We give you thanks for feeding N. our sister with the Sacrament of that precious Body and Blood, which is the sign and instrument of our common life, and also for enriching our parish family by her sharing with us the food of our pilgrimage, the foretaste of that heavenly banquet of which we shall partake with all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: AMEN.

LEM: Let us bless the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**